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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Retail demand was seasonal active for early week business. Overall, demand was usually clearing available offerings due in part to the Monday down time. Food service was light to good with best movement into fast food outlets. Supplies of whole product were limited, but still sufficient for trade needs. The Eastern region was still tight on smaller sizes. Parts trading was fairly good with dark meat ranging from short to close balance. White meat items were adequate to occasionally short. However, wings remain sufficient for full trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy but mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04-JUL-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—	—	61.54	32
Chicago	65.00-68.00	68.11	38	68.21	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	68.68	26
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	79.88	16
Detroit	67.00-69.00	68.67	12	69.86	54
Los Angeles	81.00	80.64	61	74.44	147
New York	71.00-74.00	72.72	25	71.89	55
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.36	11	69.80	22
Pittsburgh	70.00-73.00	71.91	11	72.33	51
St. Louis	67.52-67.50	66.94	20	66.23	40
San Francisco	81.50	81.63	34	78.21	85

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/05/05	Change/Last Wk	06/27/05	07/05/04
602	71.27	-0.49	71.76	83.44

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	68.75-72.00	70.54	27
Central	56.00-74.50	68.60	74
West	64.00-75.00	73.45	40
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	75.00-78.00	74.63	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG
		FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,101	65.00-77.48	73.47

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00	1,362
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	5,549
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,441
THIGH MEAT - B/S	105.50	1,020
LEG QUARTERS	42.50	7,072
WINGS	83.00	2,899

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good following the holiday weekend, best for refill activity. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in good balance to tight. Breast items were well cleared. Wings were available.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady with majority prices in the major terminal markets generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand for the holiday weekend was fairly good, with reports of supplies well cleared due in part to the down time. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good with dark meat balanced to short, and breast items in balance with needs. Wings remain adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at generally desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings were in fairly good balance to adequate. Sized whole product was confidently held. Buying activity mainly moderate. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good best to cover planned features. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 69.41 up 1.98, with the volume reported up 4 percent at 29 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final in all areas; Ohio cities were TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Adequate offerings received little interest. Retail and food service demand was light to good following the 4th of July holiday. Floor stocks adequate to short; weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat cuts were barely adequate to tight with the balance of parts adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, steady on breast cuts, and barely steady on wings.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as good for fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily, particularly on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex supplies were adequate to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	70-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity and was at least moderate following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, fully steady to instances firm on most dark meat items. Wings were barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		150-155	143.49	632,600
TENDERLOINS		125	120.80	177,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS		87-88	93.29	80,560
BREAST - LINE RUN		87	88.33	81,000
LEGS		57-58	58.01	248,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		44-45	44.85	423,418
DRUMSTICKS		60-61	56.21	157,640
THIGHS		53-54	59.39	61,240
B/S THIGHS		104-105	101.42	126,480
WINGS (WHOLE)		80-81	84.06	120,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.30	10,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	31.71	16,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	50.10	16,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	960	126.00-144.00	139-144	135.92
TENDERLOINS	440	120.00-122.00	-	121.09
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	920	40.00-42.00	-	40.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	43.00-45.00	43	43.15
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,040	50.00-52.00	-	51.73

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	07/05	07/01	07/01	06/28	06/24
Alabama	4,098	5,135	4.86	3,931	5.02
Arkansas	5,165	5,647	4.76	5,442	4.96
Delmarva	2,290	3,125	5.79	2,288	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,338	3,165	4.59	2,280	4.78
Mississippi	3,098	4,551	5.42	2,840	5.49
North Carolina	2,460	4,766	6.62	2,380	6.77
Texas	2,482	2,517	5.00	2,361	5.18
Total	21,931	28,906	5.30	21,522	5.35
Mon-Tue	23,667(A)			43,485(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jul 2005 is estimated to be 33,732,000 up 1.59 percent from a week ago, and up 7.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,203,000 last year 31,485,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	620	138.00-154.00	140-145	147.27
TENDERLOINS	213	117.00-175.00	125-129	125.87
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	100	63.50-68.00	-	65.30
LEGS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	42.00-44.00	-	43.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	920	41.00-46.00	44-45	43.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	70.00-85.00	80-82	82.65
WINGS (CUT)	330	87.00-96.00	90-94	93.23
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-66.00	-	57.18
THIGHS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	50	107.00-113.00	-	109.40

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 05, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
52.75 - 56.00	54.19

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04-JUL-2005 TO 08-JUL-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	127.00 - 149.50	135.00 - 143.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 103.00	84.00 - 88.00
LEGS	56.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41.00 - 51.00	43.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	43.00 - 53.00	45.00 - 47.00
DRUMSTICKS	49.00 - 64.50	-
THIGHS	53.00 - 53.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 92.00	79.00 - 80.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.25-104.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93.75-106.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 01, 2005				
<b><u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u></b>	<b>PRICES</b>		<b>VOLUME</b>	
	(Cents per Pound)			
<b>FAT</b>				
<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.50-26.00	548,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	22.60		
15-20%				
RANGE	21.75-27.00	17.00-22.00	1,968,000	1,248,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.27	18.53		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 01, 2005				
<b><u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u></b>	<b>PRICES</b>		<b>VOLUME</b>	
	(Cents per Pound)			
<b>FAT</b>				
<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	23.00-29.00	15.00-24.00	1,096,800	122,400
WTD AVERAGE	27.33	19.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product were sufficient for current needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-JUL-05

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.75	12-14	13.04
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were seasonal. Finished sales were fair. Undertone was steady to full steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-JUL-05

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-16	12-13.75	12.70

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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